

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 27-38 are pending and are the subject of the office action mailed December 5, 2005. In the office action, the examiner set forth a restriction requirement pursuant to 35 USC 121. The examiner identified four groups, referred to as Groups I-IV.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application claims drawn to embodiments of Group II.

In the present amendment to the claims, claims 1, 27-33, and 37-38 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of these claims is not intended, nor should be interpreted or construed, as an admission by Applicants as to unpatentability of those claims or as a surrender of the subject matter embodied by those claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the now-canceled and non-elected embodiments in further continuing and divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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